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In re Application of :  
Andrew T. Busey, et al. :  
Application No. 08/768,606 :  
Filed: December 18, 1996 :  
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**ON PETITION**

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed February 12, 2002, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.113 in a timely manner to the final Office action mailed January 19, 2000, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on April 20, 2000.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Cheryl Gibson-Baylor at (703)308-5111, or in her absence, Sherry Brinkley at (703)305-9220.

The application file is being forwarded to Technology Center 2700, Art Unit 2771 for processing the Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR 1.114 filed with the instant petition.

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